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Thanks so much, Pamela. Much appreciated!

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Thanks Jennie -

I've just learned my OSWER contact has been engrossed with testimony for a hearing on Thursday and had not checked in with staff on the responses. Hoping the testimony will be cleared shortly, so we can get some focus on the Congresswoman.

Here is the PR I mentioned yesterday....

Fyi- from BNA.

#### Daily Environment Report

##### Supervisor of Wyoming Commission Resigns After Saying Greed Motivated Pavillion Group

DENVER— The supervisor of the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission resigned June 14 after he commented that greed and desire for compensation were the reasons homeowners in a northwest Wyoming town claimed that hydraulic fracturing contaminated their groundwater.

"I really believe greed is driving a lot of this," the supervisor, Tom Doll, was quoted as saying, according to John Fenton, chairman of Pavillion Area Concerned Citizens, citing various media reports. Doll said the residents near Pavillion, Wyo., are "just looking to be compensated," Fenton told BNA June 15.

Speaking June 5 to a full room at the midyear meeting of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) in Vancouver, British Columbia, Doll also criticized an Environmental Protection Agency report linking hydraulic fracturing to groundwater contamination in the Pavillion area.

Doll said EPA's draft report on Pavillion was "incomplete and bad science," and he said the contamination the agency found in a monitoring well came from EPA's drilling of the well, Fenton said.

Doll apologized for the remarks June 6, saying they were "inappropriate and inconsiderate." His comments about EPA's preliminary conclusions were "premature because the scientific investigation to address the concerns of the Pavillion area residents is ongoing," Doll said in a statement obtained by BNA.

##### Resigned After Meeting With Governor

Doll's comments came while Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead (R) was in China. The two men met after the governor returned to Wyoming, and Doll resigned after that meeting, Renny MacKay, spokesman for the governor, told BNA June 15.

Doll could not be reached for comment.

The EPA Pavillion study has been criticized by various industry groups, most recently in May in a study conducted for the

Independent Petroleum Association of America (96 DEN A-7, 5/18/12).

Doll was appointed Wyoming's top oil and gas regulator in 2009. From 1997 to 2008, he was a district manager at Williams Production Co., overseeing more than 100 employees and another 25 contract employees engaged in coalbed methane exploration and production in Wyoming's Powder River Basin, according to IOGCC.

Fenton said Doll's stepping down was "the appropriate outcome" because it would have been difficult for stakeholders in the state to view Doll as someone who "could remain objective," given his comments.

"It would be nice if we could get a new administrator who didn't come straight out of industry," Fenton added.

John Robitaille, vice president of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming, told BNA that representatives of the oil and gas industry were disappointed by Doll's resignation.

#### Oversaw Disclosure Rulemaking

Doll was supervisor when the commission enacted its requirements that oil and gas producers disclose the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing operations, or fracking. Fracking involves high-pressure injection of water, sand, and chemicals deep underground to release oil and natural gas trapped in geologic formations.

"It was a very controversial rule, with very difficult hearings," Robitaille said. "Tom handled that very, very well, and he got us a rule that, to date, has been utilized and hasn't really seen lots of problems. He was a good manager."

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Pamela - here are R3's Qs and As on Dimock in preparation for the hearing. These have been reviewed by the RA, but not extensively by OSWER (I understand they're in the middle of an exercise). Randy Dietz indicated he was OK with these based on a preliminary reading, but if OSWER has any edits, we're going to ask them to get them directly to OCIR.

I know that you are aware that we could have many pages of Qs and As - if you take a look at these and think we should prepare something more extensive, please let me know ASAP. (I wanted to send these prior to the noon Wednesday deadline to allow for that.) Also, please check in with us prior to the hearing, as there will likely be new, additional information.

I'm also cc-ing Laura Mohollen in our office on this to bring her up to speed...Laura has been covering Virginia for us and we're going to be swapping assignments over the next couple of weeks.

Any questions, just let me know.

Thanks!  
Jennie

[attachment "Dimock Qs and As for House SST Committee Hearing R3 6-19-12.docx" deleted by Pamela Janifer/DC/USEPA/US]

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Colleagues:

Following please find a list of broad ranging issues that have been identified by OCIR as those that the Administrator may encounter questions during the hearing. She will be testifying before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee on June 28 and you are being asked to provide Qs&As to facilitate OCIR's preparation for this hearing.

Below you will find each topic with the lead office with responsibility for developing the Q&A listed beside it. Each response should contain no more than five sentences to address the relevant question being raised. Unless otherwise noted or contacted independently, please have your submissions to me no later than **Wednesday, June 20 at NOON.**

Please contact me ASAP with any questions or concerns.

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